

Announcement of an effort to restore water quality in Stock Creek in Scott County, Virginia

**PUBLIC MEETING:** Cove Ridge Center at Natural Tunnel State Park near Duffield, Virginia, on July 19, 2005 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Conservation and Recreation are announcing the start of a study to restore water quality, a public comment opportunity, and public meeting.

**MEETING DESCRIPTION:** First public meeting on a study to restore water quality

**DESCRIPTION OF STUDY:** DEQ is working to identify pollutants that impair aquatic organisms living in the waters of Stock Creek. Stock Creek flows through Mabe and near Sunbright along Route 653 and 871 to the east of Duffield in Scott County. The TMDL segment is between Sunbright and Natural Tunnel State Park off of Route 871, beginning downstream of the impoundment near Cyprus Foote and Mineral. The 0.6 miles of Stock is impaired for failing to meet the *Aquatic Life Use* based on violations of the general standard for aquatic organisms.

During the study, DEQ will determine the pollutants impairing the aquatic community and develop total maximum daily loads, or TMDLs, for the impaired waters. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, contamination levels have to be reduced to the TMDL amount.

**HOW A DECISION IS MADE:** The development of a TMDL includes a public comment period, including public meetings. After public comments have been considered and addressed, DEQ will submit the TMDL report to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

**HOW TO COMMENT:** DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ during the comment period. DEQ also accepts written and oral comments at the public meeting announced in this notice.

**TO REVIEW FACT SHEETS:** Fact sheets are available on the impaired waters from the contacts below or on the DEQ web site at [www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl).

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